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Description

This collection contains material pertaining to the life, career, and activities of Henri Temianka, violin virtuoso, conductor, music teacher, and author. Materials include correspondence, concert programs and flyers, music scores, photographs, and books.

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8 September 1989

Dear Kevin,

Many thanks for your letter and particularly for the various copies enclosed with it. You look very happy indeed in the photograph with Isaac Stern and Dudley Moore, and you must be proud to have received birthday greetings from the President himself - well done!

As regards the Trench Competition, I can assure you there was no ulterior motive in not inviting you to join the International Council - putting it quite simply this was a stupid

omission which should not have happened.

Just to give you some background, however, some of us felt that the 1988 competition had reached a low point and something had to be done to restore it to its rightful place in the musical world. It was winter, and we were clutching at straws, not knowing whether we should succeed or fail.

The title has now been changed to "The City of London Carl Flesch International Violin Competition"; this was in recognition of our having obtained more financial support from the corporation of the City of London.

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The hope and belief is that these changes, which have been well received, combined with the computerised marking system I have devised (with help) and which was used successfully in 1986 and 1988, will enhance the world wide stature of the competition and make it clear that competitors will be judged as objectively as is possible, irrespective of where they come from or with whom they have studied.

Of course, the proof of the pudding etc.... What we now

need are first-class competitors of outstanding ability and talent, and if you have any such students please encourage them to compete next year. Incidentally, since the brochure was printed there have been two more acceptances for the jury - Eiichiro Tanaka (Japan) and Aaron Rosand (USA), so the final jury will comprise outstanding musicians.

All I can do now, Henri, is to apologise most sincerely for our error in not inviting you to join the International Council. What I will do, however, is to propose to the Executive Committee that your name be

added to the list, but it may not be practicable to do this until the next batch of notepaper is printed. I'm sure everyone will be delighted to hear of your interest and your wish to be included.

Meanwhile, Eugene and I are very pleased indeed that Emmy and you are keeping well and are still gadding about the world.

Kindest regards to both.

Yours,

Albert.

[[Nick Dante 10/6/17]]

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